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LB 105, 112, 216, 233, 372, 382, 395
395A, 404, 715A

A communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read communication regarding signing of LB 233. See page 2195 of the Legislative Journal.)

The second, a communication to the Clerk, Mr. President. (Read communication regarding receipt, signing and delivery of LB 395, 395A, 404, 112, 216, 372, and 382. See page 2195 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would like to expedite 715A.

PRESIDENT: No objection, so ordered. Now we proceed to our special bill that has one hour time limit on it and the hour will begin running from the time the introducer begins his statement.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 715 (sic) (LB 105) was offered by Senators Lowell Johnson, Nichol, Chronister, Hartnett, Lynch, Labedz, Rupp, Higgins, Schmit and DeCamp. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 10 of this year. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Judiciary Committee amendments pending, Mr. President. However, I do have a priority motion.

PRESIDENT: The Chair will give Senator Johnson the privilege of explaining the measure before we take up the priority motion. Senator Johnson, the hour will begin with your beginning word. You are recognized.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 105, as indicated, was introduced by myself and ten other senators. And first of all I would like to thank the Chairman and the members of the Judiciary Committee for their very attentive handling of the bill. The Judiciary Committee last year recognized the importance of grandparents' visitation rights in the State of Nebraska and held various hearings across the state to help them develop information and background as to the need of the bill. The Silver-Haired Legislature last year passed in their session a priority bill devoted to grandparents' visitation. They designated it as a priority bill and many of the provisions of their bill are included in LB 105. The Judiciary Committee has amended the bill substantially from